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Speaker says telecommunications bill should move quickly through House

□ **The bill would deregulate the state's telecommunications industry.**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House Speaker Pete Laney said Monday a bill that would deregulate the state's telecommunications industry will likely gain quick approval in the House.

A measure by state Rep. Curtis Seidlits, D-Sherman, that would allow competition in local phone service for the first time in Texas is likely to be voted out of the House

State Affairs Committee soon, Laney said. "I think it will go through the House fairly rapidly," Laney told a convention of Texas Daily Newspaper Association members.

The bill has been at the center of one of the Legislature's biggest fights.

The battle focuses on whether local telephone services should continue being delivered to Texans by monopoly companies regulated by the state or if regulations should be loosened to allow new competitors into the market.

What lawmakers are considering is giving up much state control over tele-

phone rates and phone company profits in return for the ultimate arrival of high-tech services such as banking and shopping from home computers.

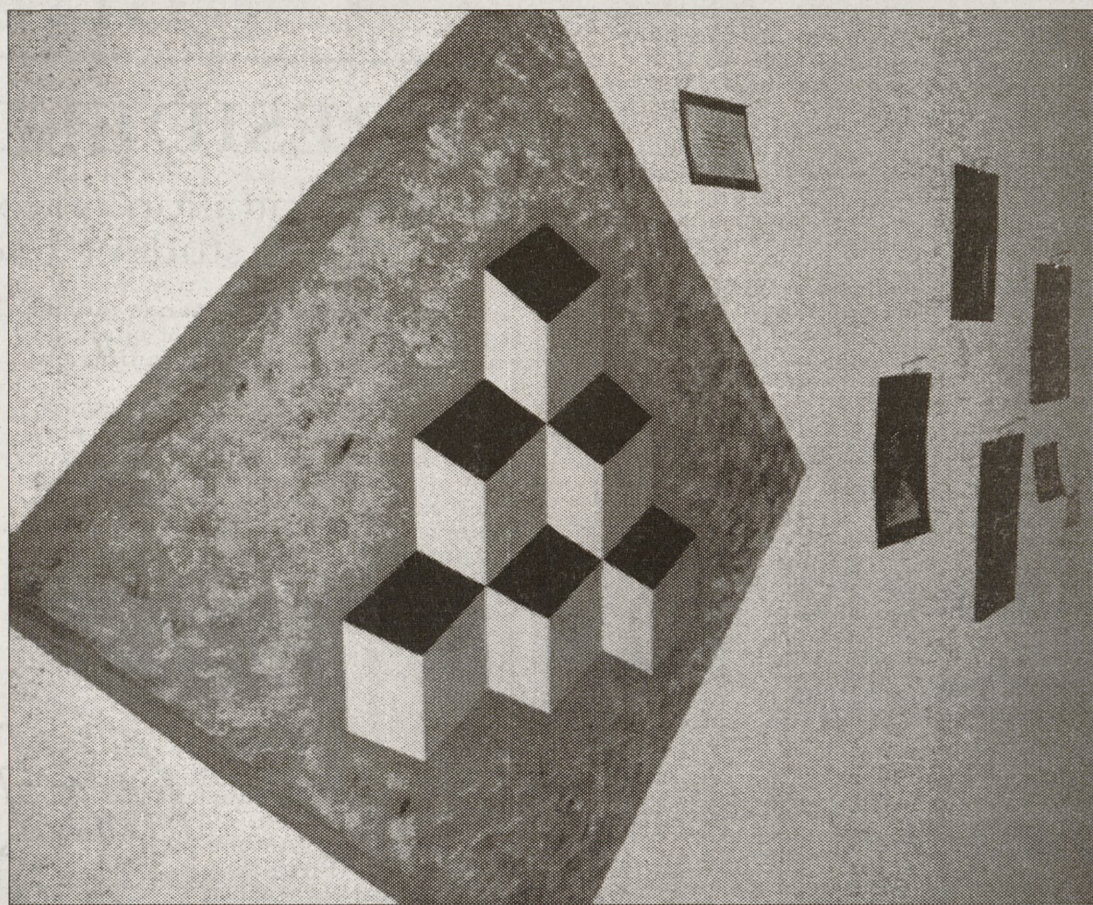
Seidlits' bill would freeze local phone rates, allow competition and free phone companies from most rate regulation. It includes a series of safeguards designed to protect both the phone companies and their new competitors as they jump into a changing marketplace.

Newspapers and Southwestern Bell, which both want to use phone lines to offer news services over computers, reached a tentative agreement last

week on what the state's new phone laws should look like.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock told representatives of state's daily newspapers on Monday, "When the bill gets over to the Senate we're going to take a look at it. I can assure you we do not want to do anything to break the harmonious relationship that you have, apparently, with the Southwestern Bell people."

Burl Osborne, publisher and editor of The Dallas Morning News, has been negotiating on behalf of the Texas newspaper industry in the telecommunications discussions.



3-D Art

Eleanor von Tuneln's "Shifting Blocks" is one of many works done by women at the Women's Week Art Exhibit on display at the Langford Architecture Art Gallery Room.

Regents: Appointees await approval

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prevent criticisms it has faced in the past.

"We need to be sure the University System avoids troublesome problems that result in sometimes unjust, yet still negative criticisms that the Board has faced in the recent past," Allen said. "I'm sure that's a goal of the entire Board."

Allen said he believes the three men Bush named to the Board have the talents that the job requires.

"We three appointees all have experience in areas, and such broad experience, that we should be able to respond in positive and constructive ways to problems or opportunities that might

come before the Board," Allen said.

Powell graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in economics from West Texas State University, which is now West Texas A&M University.

Dr. Barry Thompson, chancellor of the A&M System, said he considers the appointees truly outstanding.

"I know each of them personally, and I'm very enthused about the nominees," Thompson said. "They're all very service-oriented, so our service agencies will benefit from the appointments as they're all very committed to providing the opportunities for education of our students."

The next Board of Regents meeting, which was re-scheduled from last week, will be held Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7.

Debate: Candidates discuss platform

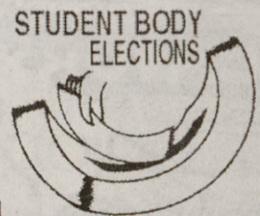
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Wilson said he has had a diversified leadership experience by being involved with the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference, Student Engineering Council and as vice president of the student body.

the Student Senate this past year.

Baggett, who has been involved in the Corps of Cadets, Class Council, Bonfire, said he believes experience as important as caring for Texas Aggie.

Livingston said he didn't want to compare resumes with the other candidates.



Washington said he has gained experience through his positions as president of a fraternity, involvement with the SBSLC and his work as a student senator.

Boenig said his experience has mainly been focused on student government, with four years of involvement with the Student Senate, including speaker of

Livingston said. "I've been experiencing campus life everyone else."

At the end of the forum the candidates for junior and senior yell leader spoke about themselves and the qualifications for yell leader.

Both groups then led the audience in a yell.

1995 Class Agent Candidates

Class Agents serve as part of the volunteer leadership of The Association of Former Students. They are elected by their classmates and serve five year terms. This position is important because responsibilities include serving as a liaison between their Class, The Association of Former Students and the University. Additionally, Class Agents write Class Newsletters, organize Class Reunions and are voting members of the Association's Council.

Class Agents will be elected in the Student Body Elections to be held March 29 and 30.



Matt Good: Fightin' Texas Aggie Fish Drill Team; Traditions Council Awareness Subcommittee; Marine Corps Officer Candidate Special Achievement (OCA)
Kris Rapp: Member 1994-95 Muster Committee; Fish Camp 1993-94 Co-Chair; Fish Camp 1992-93 Counselor
Jody Ray Mask: Aggie Bonfire Coordinator (REDPOT) 1993-94; Parson's Mounted Cavalry 1992-95; Fish Camp Counselor 1992-94

We are the Class of 1995. We are proud of our accomplishments, loyal to our heritage and unified in preserving the tradition at A&M. As a group we have cultivated these qualities and succeeded in making the Fightin' Class of 1995 a motivated entity that is ready for the challenges that lay ahead. And although we will be moving on, in the months to come, we will never be alone, because as members of the Class of '95, we are part of the Aggie family.

This continuous source of support and loyalty is why we, Matt Good, Kris Rapp and Jody Mask, have chosen to run as a team for class agent. We feel that it is our duty to help maintain this source of support for our class and to ensure that the class of '95 never forgets the spirit and dedication that we share.

As for our credentials, we have been consistently involved at A&M for our entire career here. From Bonfire to Fish Camp to Traditions Council, we have contributed willingly and having done so, learned specific skills that are necessary to be effective class agents. We are dedicated, organized, responsible and motivated for this position. Our goal is to take our class into the 21st century with the same ideas and loyalties with which we graduated. A & M gave us four years of memories, now we, as your class agents want to continue this tradition. - Thank You and Gig'em



Job Jones: Class of '95 President (2 yrs); Student Senator (2 yrs); Buck Weirus Spirit Award
Jennifer Watkins: Traditions Council Chair; Fish Camp Chairperson (2 yrs); Buck Weirus Spirit Award
Trent Ashby: Senior Yell Leader; Class of '95 Treasurer; Texas A&M University Student Senate External Affairs Chair (1993-94)

The Class of '95 has had a significant impact on the Spirit of Aggieland and the Spirit of Aggieland has had tremendous impact on the Class of '95. As a result of the Spirit's influence on our lives, we as student leaders have given an undying effort to serving Aggieland for the past four years and are eager to continue for the next five. We are the motivated Class Agent team composed of Trent Ashby, Job Jones, and Jennifer Watkins.

Soon we, the Class of '95, will enter the long-awaited role of Former Students of Texas A&M University — a title not to be taken lightly, for it was this role that brought about the motivation for Aggie Muster, the Aggie Ring, and the Class Agent position itself. Becoming a Former Student is one of A&M's oldest and most cherished traditions. It is also one of the most inclusive in that we all become a part of the "Old Ag" family.

With this understanding, we as a Class Agent Team have committed ourselves to unifying the Class of '95 in the spirit of camaraderie that has made the Aggie Spirit world-renowned. Our leadership contributions have given us a reputation of loyalty and service to the Spirit of Aggieland and especially to the Class of '95.

The Class of '95 built the last Bonfire on Duncan Field. We rebuilt Bonfire in seven days. We won every game we played on Kyle Field. We truly have a "Spirit can ne'er be told."
 We — Trent, Job, and Jennifer — want to be your Class Agents. - Gig'em



Cody Burke: Class of '95 President (Senior Yr); Traditions Council Sub Chair; Student Senate
Kristen A. Nevius: Class Gift Co-Chair; MSC Hospitality/Development Executive; Traditions Council (2 yrs)
Toby Boenig: Speaker of the Student Senate; Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Student Senate; Ag Council

Can you imagine losing touch with all of the friendships you have built in the past four years? We can't. And we won't. As your Class Agents, we will be committed to keeping and strengthening a bond among the Class of '95 through our lives as former students. The Class of 1995 is an emblem implanted not only on all of our rings, but in our hearts. We feel that the Class of '95 should not be a scrapbook that closes the day we graduate; we are a part of Texas A&M's rich history that should never be forgotten.

As your Class Agents, we will be the bridge that connects you to Aggieland by use of illustrated newsletters, class reunions, game-day picnics, job resource networks, directories, a successful class gift implementation, and many other exciting events never done before. For four years all three of us have been highly involved leaders in a variety of organizations. That hard work, motivation, and attitude of service has enabled our paths to come together and present to you a team of close friends that live the "work hard, play hard" ethic.

From the day you stepped onto campus through the day your name is called at Muster, you know you will always be an Aggie. Just as important, we want you to always hold dear your membership in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of '95.